

As an over the road truck driver, I must ask that you continue to not only permit, but encourage XM's ability to provide weather and traffic information on a city by city basis. This is an issue of safety. Most of this information is indeed available on AM radio, but since I cannot be familiar with every single local radio station in every city that my work takes me, I find myself desperately fumbling with my radio while driving in an attempt to find the information that I need. I must wait until I get within range of the local station to receive it, and under some weather conditions it is impossible due to static. XM radio eliminates these problems. For instance, if I know that I am picking a load up in Chicago, IL and delivering it to Detroit, MI, I simply set one of my radio's presets to 217 for Chicago and another to 216 for Detroit. As I am heading for Chicago, I hit one button to get immediate information for Chicago with excellent commercial-free reception. I can then plan my route to get around the construction and traffic jams. I keep my radio set to Chicago to get any instant conditions on the weather and traffic - just in case I need to make any changes while enroute. I repeat this scenario after loading while heading for Detroit. Your rejection on NAB's Petition 04-160 would demonstrate your support for safety enhancements on our nation's roads and highways.

Please do not hinder XM Radio's ability to compete with the National Association of Broadcasters. Competition is a good thing. Thank you.